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Making memories

Rory MacMillan and Adeline Hamilton share a moment on the bench during the 2023 Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament in Minden on July 16. For more photos, see inside this issue. /Submitted by Emma Hamilton

The music in us

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

You might have noticed - music is alive and abundant in the Highlands this summer.

The My Haliburton Highlands calendar is packed full, almost everyday, with live music events happening at resorts, on docks, and in restaurants, tents, theatres, legions, and parks.

But why the concerto of live music? Where are the artists coming from? Are there enough spectators to fill each venue? Will there ever be too much music? Does it benefit the community? And does Haliburton County have its own sound?

"COVID was one of the best things to happen to tourism up here," said Thom Lambert, employee of the County of Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism department and member of the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Local musician Bill Black echoed Lambert's thoughts.

"I think people are hungry to get back out again, not just the musicians to play, but for people to get out again. At this point in time, it feels almost back to normal again," Black said.

Black has steadily had three or four gigs each week. Lambert says there are close to 160 live music performances happening in the county this summer.

"There are places like the Dominion that are doing seven live shows a week. And then we have brand new venues like the Music

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Community seeks connection through music

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Room with a full schedule. Their lineup is unbelievable. Internationally-known acts are coming in. We also have Hollow Valley Resort. They're doing three shows a week as well," Lambert said.

Hollow Valley Resort specifically built a bar and music venue on site and started up performances as soon as they opened in February.

"All of the owners, including myself, are musicians and lovers of live music, so we wanted to contribute to bringing it back. It's quite popular. We fill up our little bar every weekend," said co-owner Shaun Pennell.

In addition to the community's craving for connection, Lambert thinks social media in particular offers venues and musicians exposure at a higher level than ever before.

"People that have live music have gotten really savvy about social media. Part of it is that there are more performances, but part of it is that those performances are more visible than they were four or five years ago," he said.

Audience

But how much is too much? Lambert thinks the amount and frequency of performances doesn't necessarily mean smaller audience sizes.

"There's always been a discussion in the county that there's a finite audience," Lambert explained. "I have a tendency to think there's a much bigger audience than what we once believed."

He said at one point in time a few years ago, the county actually created a calendar to prevent overlap.

"It didn't work," he laughed. "Because the reality is, if there's a performer in the book, most have limited availability."

He noted one Saturday that had three large concerts in the area. He assumed each musician would perform to smaller audiences that night, but to his surprise, all were sold out.

"There are audiences for certain kinds of music. There are also audiences for venues. For example, there are certain people that are going to go to a show because it's at the legion. There are certain people that are going to go to a show because it's on Kennis Lake. There are a certain amount of people that will follow a certain performer, as well," Lambert said.

Musicians

More venues mean more opportunity for musicians to play, and steady crowds mean performers can make a profit, too.

"Ten years ago, if you were a local performer, a lot of these opportunities were not paid opportunities. Now, what I'm hearing from musicians, is that most of these gigs, even if it's a patio on a Wednesday night, are paid. And that's a change," Lambert said.

He noted that the more a musician plays to a live audience, the more experienced they get.

"And that elevates the entire scene. People notice when the



Award-winning folk duo Quote the Raven performed Saturday at The Music Room in the heart of Haliburton Village. The group is one of many performers showcasing at the new venue, and experiencing the Haliburton Highlands. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Times*

quality is impressive, and that builds an audience, too," he said.

So that's a seemingly endless loop.

More shows with full audiences, equals more experience for musicians, equals an enhanced performance, equals a bigger audience.

"If an artist has a great experience here, they will pass that along to other artists. It affects a destination's ability to get good acts, and we have a very good reputation up here," Lambert said.

Venues

One could say that music like that can happen anywhere, but Haliburton County has a few other tricks up its sleeve.

"The outdoor stuff has got this incredible vibe. There are not very many places at all that have the natural features that we have in addition to the music culture," Lambert said.

He reveled in the beauty of the setting for Rotary's Music in the Park in Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

"It's a whole other thing to either be sitting outside on a patio in Haliburton County versus a patio in the city," he said.

Haliburton School of Art + Design plays a big role in diversifying music by bringing in experts to teach.

"People plan entire vacations around music here in the summer. The students of the school will plan an entire vacation to come and study music. And on Tuesday night, they could go to Music in the Park, Wednesday night they could go to

the theatre, Thursday night they could go to their instructor's concert at the school, and there's just not a lot of other places in the world that you can do that," Lambert said.

'A healing force'

Following three years of global illness and isolation, live music may quite literally be healing us.

"It's incredibly well-documented. Music is a healing force. It is a measurable, medically-known fact that live music is just good for us to be in groups either playing live music or experiencing live music," Lambert said.

"Combine that with being immersed in the natural world, those two things in conjunction are powerful, and I think that's what makes us a unique destination across the board."

And the "Haliburton County" sound isn't limited to one specific genre.

"It's astonishing that we have an opera studio in Haliburton. And those that come study here have fallen in love with the place, and that's ten years worth of opera students that have experienced the Highlands," Lambert said.

Is this phenomenon a once in a lifetime occurrence for Haliburton County this year?

"I don't think we have really good information on whether it's too much music yet. It'll be interesting to see if the pendulum swings back the other way," said Lambert. "But it would be delightful for me to know that what works up here is original."

Minden to host National Championships

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's not every day we can say that we are hosting national championships here in Minden. But this summer, the National Whitewater Championships will be right in our backyard. "Every year there is a national championship in Canada," said Eric Betteridge, the co-chair of the organizing committee, "and there's a tradition of it going from east to west, so this year, it landed in Minden."

Held at the Minden Whitewater Preserve, just off Horseshoe Lake Road, the week-long event will boast the best athletes across the country participating in a range of water sports. "This world class venue has been the site of many National Championships as well as the 2015 Pan Am Games and three World Cup events," said Betteridge. "This will be a great opportunity for our younger athletes to gain valuable experience competing against national and international athletes, as it is an international ranking race."

Betteridge shared that the organizing committee received a grant from the ministry of tourism, culture, and sport to put on this year's event. This supports the athletes, marketing, and awards.

He also shared that the event is made possible by 50 to 60 volunteers over the duration of the week. "It's a ton of work, but it's really, really exciting," he said.

And the excitement isn't limited to the athletes participating in the events. Betteridge hopes this year to draw an audience to the races. "We would absolutely love to see more local youth paddling," he said, "and there are so many programs they can join, but if they come watch, and get a taste for it, then we can support them and get them involved in this great sport."

The event runs from Aug. 23 until Aug. 27, with everything offered from kayak time trials, slalom open races, free-style races, and more. The schedule is prone to changes, so Betteridge encourages everyone interested in viewing the races to check out www.whitewaternationals2023.ca for the full lineup.

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Compressed work week takes off in Algonquin Highlands

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands township staff know something about a favourable work-life balance.

It used to be you were left to look forward to a long weekend, the few of them that were allowed throughout the year. The long weekend: Each one felt as if you were getting away with something unbeknownst to those who run the system in which most of us are mired and set the work life to be five days of the seven.

As if you were shirking the injustice that's the two days of your life you're allowed.

But not in Algonquin Highlands. Not if you're a municipal employee who has opted to be part of the compressed work week schedule.

They enjoy a long weekend every week.

All but two township employees took part in a six-month trial last year before the setup was officially adopted earlier this year. Over that six-month span, a close eye was put on staff response to the change and the level of service provided to the public.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said the adjusted schedule seems to have been well-received by people on staff.

"I think that they have adjusted very well," said Danielsen of those who work the compressed schedule. "I can't say any more than that."

"We ran a trial and everybody seemed to be very supportive. There were one or two staff members who didn't participate because of child care issues or family care issues. But they have an opportunity to participate later on when they can."

Employees can opt in or out of the setup whenever they want.

It can be touted as one of the favourable changes introduced by the coronavirus pandemic when some essential service employers needed to think outside the box to ensure staff safety and a measure of continued service to the public.

Another such change was how some employers continue to permit employees to work remotely, from home.

The trial program was to measure any enhanced customer

service with five additional hours per week; improved workplace morale by extending weekends; an innovative recruitment and retention opportunity without incurring any additional corporate expenses; and reducing carbon emissions by having staff commute to work one less day per week.

Two teams worked either Monday to Thursday or Tuesday to Friday. Their hours were between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The two-team approach was utilized to pair employees with overlapping or complimentary knowledge, skillsets and responsibilities to ensure no impact on productivity or business continuity.

Danielsen said the township decided to give a four-day work week a shot as part of effort to fill the vacant jobs at town hall. It's an attempt to become a preferred employer among job-seekers and to be incentive in staff retention.

"All of the municipalities have been having a hard time recruiting and this is something that we can offer people as a recruitment enhancement," she said. "It makes us, to some extent, an employer of choice."

"Since the pandemic there's an awful lot of people who are looking to change employment. They're looking for something a little but different. Better work-life balance."



Cooling down

The Minden Community Food Centre received a grant from Feed Ontario to recently purchase a series of new freezers. The organization was able to replace decade-old residential chest freezers with "grocery store" style freezers, which accommodates an additional 40 per cent storage capacity growth. This increased space allows the centre to keep up with increased demand around food insecurities in the community. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

July 27 – Regular Council Meeting
August 31 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July and August.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in person or joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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Remember that access to waste disposal sites requires a current landfill card, which have been extended to December 31, 2023. Do you rent your cottage? Your renters require a cottage kit one-time pass to access waste disposal sites, contact the Township at 705-286-3144 to get your cottage kit one-time passes.

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Smoke alarms save lives, test your smoke alarms monthly.

CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place is on display in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until September 2. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman; Alan, Brad, Jack & Ross Bateman, and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar <https://calendar.minden hills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place>.

Join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust on July 20 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to learn about the significance of the Highlands Corridor and get an update on the progress of the HHLT's strategies to protect it. Admission by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar <https://calendar.minden hills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-20-1900-Haliburton-Highlands-Land-Trust-presents-The-Highl>

Outdoor Movie Nights at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: Presenting Secretariat (July 27), Atlantis: The Lost Empire (August 10) and Strange World (August 24). Bring your own lawn chair, blanket and snacks. Movie starts at dusk. Admission by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Hands-on activities take place every day at 11 am and 2 pm including rock painting, butter-making, ice-cream making and gardening 101. Check out the Farm to Table exhibit and the Wolves exhibit in Nature's place. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or go to our website at <https://www.minden hills.ca/en/News/media-release-23-54-mhcc-july-programs.aspx>.

Poetry for everyone

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Have you ever wanted to dabble in poetry? But not sure where to start? This may be your chance.

Minden local Dave Wilfong would like to kickstart a Poetry in the Park initiative to encourage folks of all ages to explore the world of poetry. “I’d love people to read their own work,” Wilfong told the *Times*, “but if they find something they love, and research that, they can of course share that as well.”

Poetry in the Park is practiced around the world, yet Wilfong noted that oftentimes, the programs are offered in larger cities. “I just really want to get the ball rolling here,” he

said.

Wilfong’s love of poetry started at a young age, but really took off after his grandmother passed away. In the process of cleaning out her home, he noticed a small notebook that was filled with scribbles of poetry throughout it. “I didn’t know that my grandmother did that,” he said, “but some of the stuff moved me to tears. I learned that she would sit down with her friends and they would all write together. That’s when I started to realize the importance of it; the emotions it can bring.”

Later on, he was inspired by a friend of his from Temagami, who introduced him to the concept of Poetry in the Park. This got the gears turning for Wilfong, who thought that this type of initiative would go over well in

the creative community of Minden.

“So, I put up a Facebook post to see if there would be any interest, and there was right away,” he said.

Wilfong is hoping that by offering the program during after-school hours, it will allow students to explore the world of poetry as well. “I am really aiming for all ages,” he said, “I would love to encourage the younger generation to pick it up.”

Once this concept takes off locally, Wilfong hopes to expand the initiative by collaborating with local libraries and poets to encourage up and coming writers to continue to explore the craft.

He shared that while Poetry in the Park will be completely judgment-free, if someone is feeling a little nervous, they are more

than welcome to join the session as an audience member. “Come on out,” he said, “all are welcome, let’s enjoy it and make an audience.”

The first Poetry in the Park will be held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in the Welch Room on July 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome.

Wilfong has started a Facebook group to provide updates on the movement, called “Poetry in the Park Haliburton Highlands” and everyone can join.

“You don’t have to speak it,” he said, “you don’t have to write it, you just really have to enjoy it.”

Fire ban lifted

With sufficient rainfall in recent days, the total fire ban that was enacted in Haliburton County on June 1 was lifted as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12. This is a joint decision of the County’s four chief fire officials.

The lifting of the ban means that seasonal burning regulations remain in effect, with no outdoor burning between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., and that burning permits are reactivated. Visit the website of your local municipality for more details on burning regulations.

For more information on the lifting of the fire ban, contact your local fire chief.

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A flotilla of floaties

A common sight for the summer days in Minden, Morgan Fisher celebrates her birthday with friends and family on the Gull River by doing the ultimate river float down stream. /ADAM FRISK special to the *Times*

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Visit www.hhhs.ca or call 705-457-1392 for more information.





Wood-carving and turning artist Darren Poncelet poses for a photo with his work on Saturday.



Getting artsy

The 9th annual Art on the Dock took place over the weekend where local artists showcased their work around Kennisis Lake. Pictured, artist Savannah Tomev displays her work on July 15. /ADAM FRISK special to the Times



Community bonds take shape

Places for People has officially launched Places for People Community Bonds; the first of its kind in the region. \$50,000 was provided by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) as an investment into the Community Bonds via the Bond Investment Option Series B. There are three different series of investments available. This investment is another tool that will earn interest and allow HCDC to continue supporting loans and economic development activities in Haliburton County. From left, Max Ward, Fay Martin, Jody Curry, Patti Tallman, Don Critchley, Barb Bolin, Pat Kennedy, Andrew Hodgson. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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Is tourism dead?

WHEN YOU work in this line of business, you spend an awful lot of time with your ear to the ground. Following social media pages that do not pertain to your personal life, reading other sources, listening to the radio.

Because this is a job that isn't about talking. It's about listening. And one constant murmur I've been hearing on the channels I am tuned in to, is about how businesses are struggling this summer.

As most of you know, summer is the bread and butter season for many locals. We are a tourism community through and through, and while many folks see the lazy hazy days of summer as an opportunity to kick back and relax at the cottage or at camps, I don't think I know a single local who takes a summer off. This is our go-time. Our opportunity to make money that will carry us through the gray days that are on the horizon.

Shops are open longer hours, restaurants are bustling, experience providers are pumping out new adventures so that those folks who use our area as their escape can make new memories, and be convinced to come back again next year.

I myself spent a decade in the tourism industry prior to my work with the newspaper; following the trends of community needs, and tracking the dollars our community earned.

But this year, have we hit a stalemate?

I have watched on social media channels as many business owners have shared their struggles this summer. And there's always the speculation about why. Are folks not visiting due to the fire ban? Was the smoke bothering people? Maybe the weather wasn't hot enough? Or too

hot? Not enough rain? Or maybe too much rain? What's the reason? Why isn't Haliburton County on the map anymore?

And as I watch these dialogues play out, I watch fingers be pointed and grim realities set in. If the summer is a bust, then that's it. The bread and butter are gone, and we're left with meager crumbs to carry through the gray days.

I don't think there's a scientific reason behind the summer slump. We could look at the grand scale of things. Of the low-point we all went through during the COVID-19 pandemic; how that impacted us all emotionally, financially, and psychologically. How maybe now that that chapter is a few years behind



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Editor

us, folks are welcoming the opportunity to travel internationally again.

But people traveled internationally pre-COVID. And we were always a tourism destination before. Which is why I don't think we can blame anything other than human patterns. Like

so many things in life, tourism trends have highs and lows, ups and downs. It doesn't matter how many influencers, ads, or efforts we put into marketing our little corner of the world, we just have to trust that it will work out. Watch as the pendulum swings.

While it's a slow season, the best thing local businesses can do is support one another. Join community pages where you discuss the highs, the lows, the ups and the downs. Follow, like, and share other businesses' content. Tell the visitors you do have to support other businesses as well. Collaboration over competition, always.

Because in this little community of ours, we all deserve our bread with butter.

Kwarky



Just kidding around

THIS WEEK, I will be in the presence of a true outdoors expert – my seven-year-old grandson is coming to visit for a week. To be clear, my grandson is not an expert because he is my grandson. My grandson is an expert because he is seven.

All seven-year-olds are experts in the outdoors. They might not know how to fish, hunt, camp, canoe, navigate, or forage. But they do know how to look at the world in wide-eyed wonder. They know how to ask questions and be curious. They understand how to empathize with all creatures great and small. Most importantly, a seven-year-old knows how to enjoy the simple things, such as sunshine and being active for its own sake.

Kids that age are inherently good at making the most of a day outside. And all outdoors activities are derived from that one simple principle, though there are times when we get so caught up in the results that we sometimes forget it. The good news is that a seven-year-old will not let you.

I fully expect to spend the next week getting back to my outdoors roots under the tutelage of a master. I will be reminded that stones are meant to be overturned, or used for building castles or for skipping those perfect flat ones across the water. I'll relearn the joys of trying to catch frogs. I'll get a refresher course in bug watching and, by the time the week is done, I'll have honed my stick-poking skills to pre-teen levels.

Most seven-year-olds are also authorities on pretending and story telling. It might be

a simple hardwood stand to you, but if you look at it through the eyes of a kid, it is a kingdom where drama and adventure await. It's a place where forts are made and trails are followed, and bark, leaves and tracks are examined.

My grandson Hudson says he wants me to teach him how to fish. So I am also looking forward to seeing him giggle and yelp with excitement at the descent of a bobber and worm, and smile and talk a little too excitedly when a bass jumps or a rock bass or sunfish gets reeled in. I can hardly wait to see his eyes as he holds and releases a

fish and the pride that he will exhibit when he phones his parents and tells the tale.

I look forward to letting him paddle the canoe for as long as he wants. I am eager to give him the freedom and permission to take us where he will and quit when he wants.

Throughout it all, under the clouds, leaves, and sky, we'll reacquaint. Hudson currently lives at the top end of Baffin Island with my daughter, son-in-law and his little sister. So, I'll listen carefully as he tells me about the narwhals, arctic fox, and polar bears he's seen (each visit the place he calls home.) He'll teach me some Inuktitut – the language they speak at his school. We'll exchange knock-knock jokes – for that is our tradition.

He'll marvel, I'm sure, at the trees – for they do not exist where he plays. I'll, no doubt marvel, about how much he's grown since I've seen him last.

But mostly, I will ignore the clock. Because, if a seven-year-old teaches you anything, it is that moments like these, should be lived and not measured.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

An animal uprising

THERE ARE signs that the animal kingdom is fed up with us and beginning to rebel.

Two-ton killer whales are ramming yachts and fishing boats. A sea otter has been stealing surf boards from surfers on the California coast. Sharks are terrorizing people on the east coast and alligators are mauling people in Florida.

Closer to home, coyotes are more visible and bolder, while groundhogs are devastating vegetable and flower gardens. Wire mesh fencing hasn't stopped them from consuming my wife's parsley patch.

News reports of animal rebellion now are so common that the shouts of the rebelling animals in George Orwell's 1945 novella *Animal Farm* are echoing in my head.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

"Four legs good, two legs bad," Orwell's animals shout during a rousing speech by Old Major, a big old boar, calling for a revolution.

"Man is the only creature that consumes without producing," Old Major says, urging the animals to take control of their lives back from humans.

Relating the current animal behaviour to Orwell's *Animal Farm* is perhaps an overreaction. However, something definitely is going on with the world's animals.

Since 2020 there have been 500 reports of killer whales ramming boats off the coasts of Portugal and Spain. Several have been so badly damaged that they sank.

Last month a whale attacked a yacht off the coast of Scotland. Pods of whales have appeared off the east and west coast of North America and there is concern the whales will start attacking boats there.

Alligator attacks in Florida have increased 66 per cent in recent years. And earlier this month a 69-year-old woman walking her dog in South Carolina was attacked and killed by a gator.

Shark attacks also have increased.

Globally an estimated four dozen people have suffered shark attacks this year, six fatally. The number is on course to exceed last year's total of 81 attacks. The annual high for attacks is 111 in 2015.

On the July 4 weekend a 15-year-old girl was attacked by a shark at a New York beach. She survived.

Coyote populations have grown, as have sightings in human populated areas. Researchers say coyote density in some parts of Canada has risen to as high as 2.3 coyotes per square kilometre.

There have been two noteworthy coyote attacks in the last few weeks. A nine-year-old boy was mauled June 24 in the North Kildonan area of Winnipeg. One week later a four-year-old child was attacked in the same neighbourhood. Both children were treated in hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Some people believe that increasing wild animal-human interactions are caused by growing wild animal populations. Others say human populations spreading into animal territories is causing conflicts.

Climate change also is said to be a factor in increasing wildlife-human conflicts. Global warming is melting sea ice in the Arctic, causing polar bears to spend more time on land and creating more encounters with humans. Earlier this year a mother and small child were killed in Alaska by a polar bear.

Whatever the reasons, strange animal behaviour is another sign of Nature trying to tell us something.

Nature is a wise grandmother who can teach us much, if we are willing to listen. (The numbskulls who continue to toss Tim's coffee cups and beer cans from car and truck windows obviously are not).

One of her important lessons is for us to abandon the human ego that makes us think of things in Nature as either useful to us or useless in general.

Everything in Nature has a purpose and is useful even if it doesn't benefit we humans in some way.

As has been said many times by many writers: Nature is not a place to visit. It is home.

We are Nature, albeit only one part of it. So when we spit on Nature, we spit on ourselves.

Perhaps our poor understanding of Nature and the way we mistreat it is the reason the animals appear to be rebelling.

To quote again the rebellious Old Major in *Animal Farm*:

"There, comrades, is the answer to all our problems. It is summed up in a single word – Man."

letters to the editor

Questioning HHHS funds

To the Editor,

Likely most people living in or visiting Haliburton County are considerably upset, or will be, with the recent closure of Minden Hospital's ER and the feeling of being excluded from any consultative process to arrive at clearly understanding the current realities facing our health care providers. Thankfully, the *Times*' news that an integrated plan to provide more effective local care, involving enhanced services of our paramedics being a key element, is certainly a very positive step in a good direction. Your article also mentions "HHHS is hoping to replace current imaging equipment from fund raising efforts by the Foundation." Given the feeling of being excluded in our community from decision-making, where will additional funds be raised?

A suggestion for consideration that may calm these troubled waters: If this current equipment - that was paid for by the generosity of many donors - is still in good condition, perhaps it

could be moved to Minden Hospital for a future re-opening of a more robustly equipped ER. If Haliburton County is projected to grow substantially in coming years, keeping both complementary health care locations open could be justified.

Like so many others, I and my family have received kindness and dedicated medical care from doctors and nurses in both Minden and Haliburton. We were aware of the deeply dedicated service organized mainly by the physicians of our Minden ER from the time of its establishment to keep it open and running. Their years of beyond words service to Haliburton County needs to be recognized by the "powers that be" who could, perhaps at the same time, re-establish Minden's ER with its current physical assets.

We need to settle this issue amicably and turn the page on it!

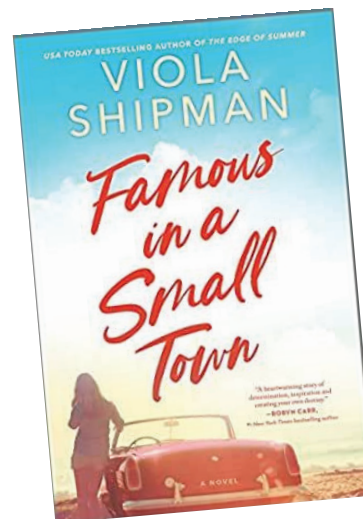
John Heginbottom
Minden Hills



The bear necessities

Tammy Nash captured this image of a young black bear getting curious on her property in Algonquin Highlands. /TAMMY NASH Special to the *Times*

HCPL's Book of the Week



For most of her eighty years, Mary Jackson has endured the steady invasion of tourists, influencers and real estate developers who have discovered the lakeside charm of Good Hart, Michigan, waiting patiently for the perfect person to take over her business: the Very Cherry General Store.

When Becky Thatcher visits Good Hart for vacation, she's looking to escape her real life and have some fun. What she doesn't know is that by winning the local Cherry Pit Spitting Championship, Becky has caught Mary's eye as someone to carry on her legacy at the general store. Whether she wants it or not.

Bursting with memorable characters and small-town lore, *Famous in a Small Town* by Viola Shipman is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates

Good evening everyone, and welcome to the graduation ceremony for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Class of 2023. I'd like to first off thank the Platform Party and the Graduation Steering Committee for making this day possible. Without them we wouldn't be here. As well I would like to extend my appreciation to the amazing teaching staff we have here at HHSS. They have been there with us throughout the craziness of the past four years: Online learning, school closures, mask mandates and the overall unpredictability of COVID. Through it all, they never gave in and provided us with a pretty fantastic and fulfilling high school experience. I would also like to express my gratitude to all the EA's, secretaries, custodians, bus-drivers and all the other people that have been working behind the scenes to make the last four years of our schooling possible.

Finally, I would like to give one big congratulations to all of you who walked across the stage today. You all have grown so much from the immature kids I once knew in middle school, into the amazing young people sitting here before me. Everyone of you should be super proud of the people you have become (yourselves) and I am honoured to stand next to you as a member of the Hal Highs graduating class of 2023.

Time is a funny thing. It's the one

constant throughout our lives that can never be changed. No matter how many 11:11's, wishbones or shooting stars we wish upon, the past is set in stone. Due to this we are sometimes left with regrets. Whether it's the clothes we chose to wear for Grade 9 picture day or the person we sat next to in shop class, everyone has at least one thing they wish they could go back and change. However, that's what makes life beautiful. Everything we do is final, forever a part of our legacy and who we are. Every decision, regrettable or not, has led us to where we are today.

As everything does, our high school journey had to start somewhere. And that somewhere was back in September of 2019. Walking through those doors for the first time, it was nerve racking. I didn't know what to expect. The only experience I had of high school was through the sappy teen dramas my sister loves to watch. Filled with tons of high school politics, jocks, nerds and swirlies, these movies painted high school in a bad light. However, this was not the case at all. As I nervously walked through those doors back in 2019, I was greeted with the smiling faces of students and teachers alike. I quickly reconnected with friends that I hadn't seen since the previous school year, and met many new people that quickly became like family to me. Walking through those doors, I instantly felt at

home in the halls of HHSS and any nerves or negative thoughts about highschool slipped from my mind.

It's safe to say that we didn't have a traditional high school experience. Yes, I'm talking about the C-word. COVID. COVID has affected everyone, ever since its first introduction back in 2019. Not even done the first year of highschool and it looked like our highschool career had seemingly come to an end. Once COVID became widespread in Canada rumors of school closures started getting thrown around. Then in March of 2020 it became official, we were no longer attending school in person. This began what would be the next two years of an altered curriculum where we had online learning, octomesters, and stints of "regularity" as we navigated through the ever changing COVID restrictions. It was a challenging couple of years; however, I think it is fair to say that we have all come out of it stronger. We have proved ourselves capable of overcoming any challenge we might face. The perseverance, compassion, and resilience you all showed during these times were truly remarkable and goes to show each and everyone of you is much more capable than you can possibly imagine.

In life we often talk about normality. You should look like this, act like this, it needs to be done this way. But all of that

is a lie. There is no such thing as normal. Every individual is unique, they have their own dreams, passions and experiences. Each one of us walks a different path through life. This was exemplified during our time here at Hal High. As we moved through our years here, we all changed and grew. We came into Grade 9 as rambunctious, snot-nosed kids who had no idea of who we were and what we wanted to be. But today we are leaving here as capable young people prepared for the future. Some of us will become doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, mechanics, musicians, athletes or any number of things. But no matter what we decide to do, my fellow graduates and I will go on to do amazing things.

It's crazy to think where we are today, our time here has flown by. We have done so much it was often overwhelming. Terry Fox runs, buy outs, fundraisers and the countless theme days. The amazing productions put on by the drama class, the seemingly random trips to Fleming College, or the sports banquet to honor our amazing athletes. There was never a dull moment, there was always something going on and something to look forward to.

I would like to talk a little about my experience here at Hal High. My experience here was quite unique. Often people will find their interests early on, whether



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they fall in love with the beauty of art, the grease and dust filled environment of the tech classes, or the challenging, brain wrenching nature of the math and science courses. I, however, never found that lane. Because of this I got to experience a majority of what this school has to offer. I was there in Mr. Klose's class during his lessons on gravity, trying like everyone else to look as if I had any clue what he was talking about. I was there for the bus rides to soccer where we would scream Taylor Swift at the top of our lungs. I was there in Mr. Collins class for the dramatic readings of *Romeo and Juliet*. I was there in the tech classes where one sec-

ond I'm baking a cake and the next I'm under a car doing a brake replacement. I've done it all. It didn't matter whether I was in Mr. Klose's physics class, Mr. Collins' English class or Ms. Searle's Baking class, I was able to interact with people who had a passion and love for what they were doing. Each one of you is amazingly talented and I've learned so much from you all. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to grow up with.

High school was a time of many firsts. Many of us met each other here, some of us had our first girlfriend or boyfriend, had our first kiss, and you can imagine where it went from there. First dances,

first parties, and first jobs, we experienced countless first during our time here. However, this ceremony signifies the end of that chapter of our lives. As we stepped onto the stage today our time here at HHSS had officially come to an end. However, as we walked down the steps on the other side it marked the beginning of the rest of our lives. They were our first steps into the real world, our first steps towards an infinite number of firsts waiting for us.

Thank you all for being here and for listening. I would like to thank all of you for the sacrifices you made. The patience, love and support you have

given us through the years. We would not be where we are today without you. I can only hope that we've made you all proud and I ask for your continued support as we move on to the next chapter of our lives. Before I end, I want to give one final congratulations to the graduates here today. You all worked extremely hard and deserve everything this world has to offer. Everyone have a great night and once again, thank you.

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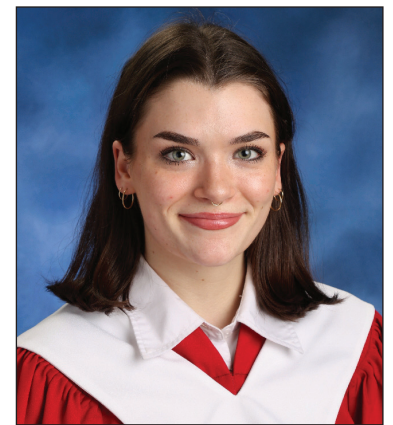
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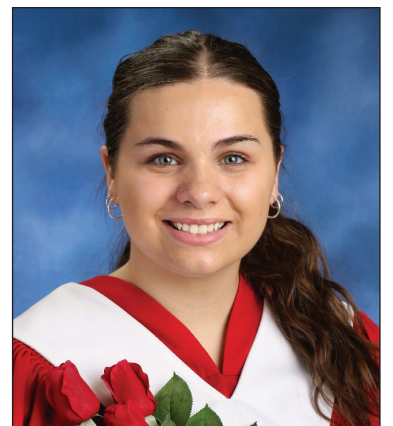
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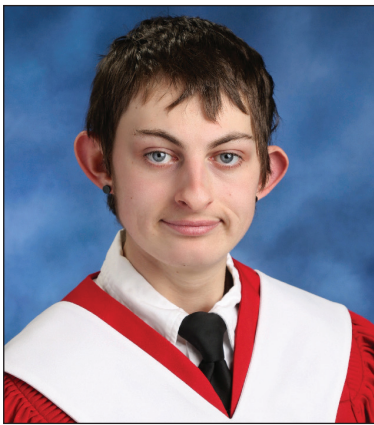
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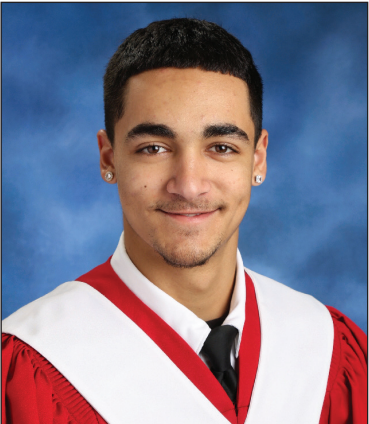
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Before I get started I want to thank a few people; first, our Graduation Committee and Scholarship Committee for all the behind the scene hours you put into planning and preparing for graduation! Thank you to the amazing HHSS staff who stepped up and volunteered their time to help out as you always do. I also want to recognize our wonderful office staff: Suzanne Smith, Jen Korpela and Stephanie Armstrong who do everything and keep us all organized! Thank you to our custodial team for setting everything up and being there for all of our needs. Without all of you, this celebration would not be possible.

Even though this has already been done, I need to thank the generous organizations, businesses and individual donors who have, yet again, raised the bar with their acts of kindness. Haliburton County has been extremely generous in their donations to help us recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and to assist them in pursuing their post-secondary dreams and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and family, Thank you very much.

Finally, thank you to everyone here tonight attending our ceremony to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of all of the graduates of 2023.

OK, and now to our graduates.

You made it! Congratulations! This is one of the first big accomplishments that you have earned in your life. Be proud of the work and effort that you put into getting yourself here. "Congratulations" and "you made it" isn't just for the graduates. It also goes to your parents, guardians, families, friends, community members, and our HHSS staff; anyone that called to get you out of bed in the morning, or made you go to class even when you wanted to skip or someone who texted you to remind you of the test you had the next day and anyone else that helped our grads reach this milestone. This night is about you too! It takes a village and we have a great one here. Without these people surrounding our graduates this journey would have been a lot harder ... so grads, don't forget to thank the people who have helped get

you here today!

As I was thinking about what I would say tonight and all the things you have been through that have lead you to this moment, the word "Journey" kept coming into my mind. As Mr. Gage mentioned already, It's been about a 14 year long journey in school and for some it was smooth sailing, for others it was a pretty bumpy road (or most of you probably a little of both). Along the way you have had many joys, successes, let downs, excitement, (oh and there was a pandemic mixed in there), friendships have come and gone. Some of you even had me as your Grade 4 and 7 teacher and then I followed you to high school! All of your experiences have shaped you into who you are now...and as we send you on your way I want to share some life lessons from HHSS that I hope you will take with you. Obviously we also hope you remember some of the things we taught you in your classes as well as all the learning skills that will help you in life, but there are other important life lessons that we will send you off with that I hope will continue to help you along the rest of your life's journey.

From your Math classes ... There are many ways to get to the right answer and the STEPS are important! Apparently sometimes in Mrs. Klose's class you have learned that when faced with a big problem, you might panic first but then do some "function" YOGA * $y = x^2$ is like this [strike YOGA Pose] * (I am sure none of you will forget your functions now!)

In Art, as with life, there are many possibilities of how the final product will look and sometimes along the way the composition can get a little messy, but remember, it's a work in progress and if you're not happy with the way it's going don't be afraid to make adjustments!

Our Guidance Department and Student Success Team have been a great support over the years for you. The life lesson here is that even though you now don't have a "Guidance Department" to go to, remember that it's OK to ask for help and seek out guidance. It shows a great amount of strength to reach out for support when you

need it and surround yourself with people that will help you be successful!

From Science Class; remember that you need to go through ALL the steps to get to the solution ... it's the steps and the process (in science and in life) that really "MATTER" ... and if you throw in some puns along the way it makes it a lot more entertaining (that "matter" was for you Mr. Klose).

From Geography: There is a huge beautiful world out there, be kind to it and do things to make a difference. If you get lost along the way go back to the map or the compass that guides you to find your way again.

In all those Technology Classes you made amazing creations throughout the years, you learned it's the imperfections in the wood or the little details that you add that make things much more interesting... don't forget about the little details, they make a big difference! And as Mr. Simpson says "Pitter Patter, Folks. Let's get at 'er."

Some of you learned to play the Guitar in class, or maybe another new skill throughout your high school journey. What I hope you take from that is that learning a new skill is difficult, but practice leads to (maybe) not perfect, but better and better each time, and everything is always better when you find that right song!

Next, is all the performances and plays many of you were a part of. I hope that being a part of Drama has taught you that you will mess up and forget your lines (or what you're doing), but sometimes it's only you that notices, so move on, adapt and the show must go on!

Phys-ed is another important class that has taught us so much. Don't forget to get active, get outside, be safe and take care of yourself ... there is only one you and you are important!

From there we will go to our History classes. Please remember that we learn from our past experiences and the experiences of others and as Maya Angelou said "when we know better, we do better". And from Mr. Longo (another famous person that you might know) "As they say in the Blairhampton, BUCKLE UP!" (I'm not

sure if that has to do with history or just one of the many great things we learn from Mr. Longo – but it's good advice all the same!)

From Law class ... really it all boils down to follow the rules and if you don't there will be consequences! Having a really great argument and closing statement might help you get what you want!

In the English classes, you will remember that there is more to words and language than text messaging and snap chat, and whatever other social media platform I don't know about yet. So please, find time to put the devices down and find a great book because really the book is always better than the movie!

Bonjour, mes amis! Learning a different language, like in your French classes, has taught many lessons. Madam Borgdorff wants to make sure you remember to use your own french knowledge, no translators! So basically the life lesson there ... don't let a computer or someone else do something for you that you can do, because the meaning will get lost in translation!

And lastly, as Mrs. Searle says in Hospitality and Foods classes, sometimes in recipes (and in life) you need to "Chef it Up" and add your own flavor to what you are doing to make it better!

Finally from me: You will make many mistakes and come across things that don't go your way, but my hope is that you have learned to own your actions, learn from them, accept any consequences and then move on ... and always lead with kindness!

You all possess amazing qualities and I am lucky that I have had the privilege to be a small part of your journey. Your values, skills, and goals will change along the way, but hold onto the lessons that are important to you and take them with you! As we send you on to the rest of your life journey, "Don't stop believing, hold on to that feeling," (don't worry I'm not going to sing this year!)

Congratulations Graduates, I am so proud of you!

Jennifer Mills, HHSS Principal

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A Sense of Place: Bateman family explores local connection

by CHRISTINE CARR
Times Staff

The newest exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery - A Sense of Place - honours the works of the Bateman Family. The show premiered on July 6 with the opening reception held Saturday, July 8, and will be on display at the gallery until Sept. 2.

The exhibit chronicles the connection between the Bateman family and the region of Haliburton County, with photography by Birgit Freybe Bateman, the wife of Robert Bateman, and original paintings and prints by Alan, Ross, and Jack Bateman.

There are also a large number of Robert Bateman’s paintings on display, including several pieces from his own collections, such as *Among the Leaves* and *Queen Anne’s Lace*. The Bateman family generously hosted an Artist’s Talk on Saturday, July 8, which filled to capacity with listeners eager to hear and learn more about the artists, their works, and their experiences. The Gallery will be posting the recording of the talk online for any interested members of the public.

The Bateman family have fond memories of their summer holidays spent at their cottage in Haliburton County, embracing the simplicity and serenity of cottaging in the Highlands. When reminiscing about the importance of their cottage, Alan Bateman, Robert Bateman’s son, reminisced about how they are all “overly nostalgic about this kind of quieter, simpler lifestyle” which can be seen in the artwork and photography profiled in the exhibit.

Alan received formal training at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design but described how he was influenced by his time spent at the cottage. He stated that, “I am a product of that kind of life”, detailing how the entire family believed in embracing a simpler lifestyle.

Alan described how the family embraced the ideals of a simpler life even for the aesthetic reasons, such as sitting around coil lanterns and appreciating the slower pace of life that can be found in the Highlands. This can be seen in Alan’s work, which is influenced by a mixture of his current Nova Scotian life as well as his years growing up at the cottage in Haliburton. He spoke about how, even though he currently lives in Nova Scotia, “this cottage and area is still an inspiration” to him and his artwork.

The exhibit came about thanks to Ross Bateman, Robert’s brother, who approached the Cultural Centre in August 2022 about creating an exhibit profiling works by the entire family. The exhibit was planned out over the year, with many works that are both sentimental, and that highlight the natural simplicity of life in the Highlands. Alan Bateman described how it seemed a natural fit, as “there’s enough artists in the family”, showcasing the Bateman family’s natural modesty.

Shannon Kelly, manager of cultural services at the Agnes



The Bateman family joined together for the opening of the Bateman exhibit at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. /Photo submitted

Jamieson Gallery, spoke about how that sense of community goes both ways. “After cottaging here for more than 70 years, the Batemans have a deep connection to the community and consider it home. The strong and lasting relationships they have built here with their friends, speaks to the community’s connection with the family,” she said. Kelly explained how when the exhibit was announced, she was flooded with emails from individuals who wished to share their Bateman stories, detailing that “the common theme was of the Batemans’ kindness, humour and generosity.”

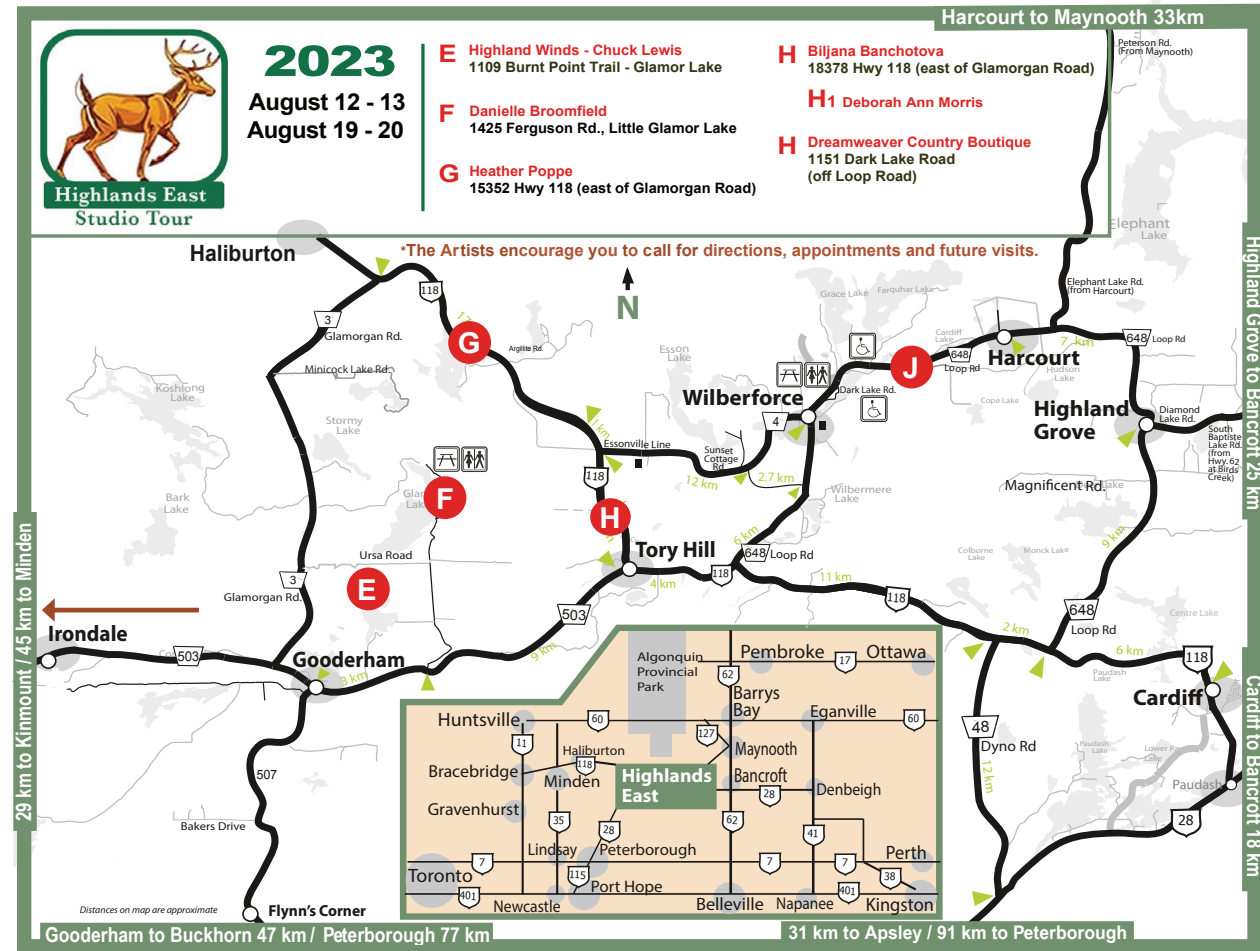
These traits could be seen as members of the Bateman family spoke in detail with guests at the preview and the opening of the exhibit. Kelly hopes that the exhibit will “increase the public’s awareness of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (in conjunction with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre) as a public art gallery for our local community, cottage community and tourists.”

The idea of community is central in the Gallery’s exhibit. Kelly spoke about her goal of “creat[ing] a high-caliber exhibit showcasing the work of the Bateman family and their connection to the area”. This connection can be seen in many of the pieces of artwork, including an original painting for sale, *Castor Canadensis*, which was inspired when Robert Bateman saw a beaver on the side of the road while driving

home from his cottage on Boshkung Lake. Excited by the chance encounter, he pulled his car over and took pictures, reminiscing about all the times he battled mosquitos to try to catch a glimpse of a beaver at his cottage growing up. The beaver’s wet, slicked back fur is described as “creat[ing] a powerful image reminiscent of a bronze sculpture” which he enjoyed recreating through his painting. This painting is for sale at the Gallery for \$68,000, with 25 per cent of proceeds going to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

The Gallery has a number of other works by the Bateman family for sale, including canvas reproductions and acrylics by Alan Bateman, and 30 photographs by Brigit Freybe Bateman. These inspiring paintings and photographs highlight the simplicity and serenity of a simpler, more aesthetic life spent surrounded by the inspirations of nature and of summers growing up in the Highlands.

Describing the exhibit as “captivating and evocative,” Kelly looks forward to sharing the exhibit with the public. The Gallery was honoured that all participating artists, including other members from the Bateman family, attended the preview night hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation on July 6 as well as the opening reception on July 8. The exhibit continues until Sept. 2, and the gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with admission by donation. There are a number of Robert Bateman themed items for sale in the gift shop for anyone interested in learning more about his life and artwork. To learn more about Alan Bateman, you can visit his website at www.alanbateman.com or on instagram @arbateman. You can learn more about Birgit Freybe Bateman at www.birgitbateman.com, or learn more about the exhibit at <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/things-to-do/exhibits.aspx>.



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Blaklee Harrison hits the ball during the 2023 Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament on July 16. /TIM YANO special to the Times



Eliyse Kernohan stretches to reach the ball to complete a heroic catch during the game.

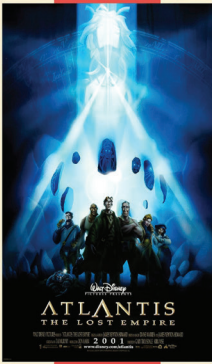


While the rain held out, spectators and players were welcome to test out the REMAX hot air balloon on the field.

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When: Thursday July 20, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Road
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Update on the Highlands Corridor

When: Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road
The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has identified a significant wildlife corridor covering over 100,000 hectares of uncaded public and private land, rich with wetlands, forest, wildlife communities, species at risk and deep carbon deposits. Join us to hear more about this corridor Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700

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When: Saturday July 22 at 8 p.m.
Where: Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd
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Razzamataz gets loud

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Razzamataz is at it again. This Saturday, July 22, the children’s theatre group are partnering with Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) and the Rails End Gallery to welcome Juno-nominated musician Ruben Esguerra to the area.

Beyond being a talented, award-winning musician, Esguerra is also an arts educator who is dedicated to sharing knowledge from the Caribbean coast of Columbia. That’s why Razzamataz has split the day into two parts: a workshop followed by a concert on July 22. “The drum workshop will be great for any kids interested in a hands-on and interactive learning experience including percussion instruments and singing,” said Nicole Stewart, the chair for Razz. “The workshop will also teach kids a bit of the history of Afro-Indigenous Colombian music and how it continues to be revitalized.”

Designed for kids ages 5 to 13, the workshop will be held at the Haliburton United Church from 10 to 11 a.m., with pre-registration required to keep track of numbers.

Following the workshop, all are welcome to join Esguerra in Head Lake Park from 1 until 2 p.m., where he will dazzle concert-



Ruben Esguerra will be Razzamataz's next performer at Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, July 22. /Submitted

goers with music from around the world. “You can expect a melding of music and instruments from North and South including

the kuisi bunsí, an Indigenous-Colombian flute, the hand drum from Turtle Island, and turntables, as used in Hiphop culture in the

Bronx, NY,” said Stewart. For more information and to register for the workshop, visit www.razzamataz.ca

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Answers on page 14

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place

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An update from the Arts Centre Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to serving the performing artists and audiences of the Haliburton Highlands. The vision of the HHACF is to program a full range of performing arts and film, independently and with community partners, and to provide purpose-built, professional facilities for shared experiences of the arts and a range of community gatherings.

As a growing arts community, Haliburton has outgrown the current available performing arts venues in terms of capacity and use. A project feasibility study and a fundraising Community Assessment and Planning Study were conducted in 2022 to provide the groundwork, including community input, for the development of a purpose-built performing arts centre. The studies showed a need for a facility with increased seating, orchestral space, dressing rooms and rehearsal spaces, as well as a box office, lobby, better lighting and sound equipment and more.

Interviewees and survey participants included a diverse scope of stakeholders including (but not limited to) local, provincial and federal government, performers, patrons and local businesses.

The Community Assessment and Planning Study identified key areas of importance to our community and provided recommendations that the HHACF Board of Directors is moving forward with, including:

- Developing a communications plan to clarify the role of HHACF and the value and impact of this project to the residents within the catchment area.
- Exploring potential partnerships with

projects that hope to address key issues in the region that were identified through the assessment (i.e., shortage of housing, food insecurity, healthcare, as well as opportunities to provide economic stimulus).

In the spring of 2023, the HHACF Board of Directors began exploring collaboration opportunities with multiple organizations and community leaders, as well as a variety of potential partners with a goal to identify creative options for the project and provide sustainability and community impact.

Dan Manley, President HHACF shares,

“The HHACF’s vision for a performing arts centre will have a significant impact on Haliburton County by providing an enhanced facility to support our growing performing arts community and providing a boost to the local economy through increased tourism and job creation. We feel it is also important to address the fuller needs of our community, and so we are exploring collaboration opportunities to reimagine the possibilities of this project.”

With the summer season, the HHACF Board of Directors looks forward to advancing

conversations with community members, leaders, potential partners and visitors. They welcome community input to find the best way forward for both the project and Haliburton County.

For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation, visit their website <https://hhartscentrefoundation.ca/> or email info@hhartscentrefoundation.ca.

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I would walk 4000 miles

Alex Smith and Robin Clipsham get into character during dress rehearsal of *4000 Miles* - the Highlands Summer Festival's newest show. The show runs for the next few weeks, with tickets available online and at the box office. /TIM YANO special to the Times



Notice of Declaration of Surplus Lands and Proposed Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Policy 52 – To Establish Procedures for the Sale of Real Property and Resolution 2021-495, adopted by the Council of the Township of Minden Hills at its Special Meeting on October 4, 2021, that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has declared the following lands surplus to the Municipality's needs:

Part Lot 3, Concession A, Part of former Milne Street, being parts of Part 1, 2 and 3 on Draft Reference Plan dated March 28, 2022, as prepared by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. and having municipal address 2 Newcastle Street, in the geographic Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton.

And Further Take Notice that Council shall hear any person who wishes to comment on the proposed declaration of surplus land; such person may do so by:

- making a written submission to the Township Clerk. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail admin@mindenhills.ca

For further information on the sale of this property, please contact Ken Barrick, Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty, at 705-743-3636.

Trisha McKibbin
CAO/Clerk
Township of Minden Hills
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admin@mindenhills.ca



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Brian Bruce Moore

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Brian has been a longstanding and very active member of the Minden and District Lions Club for 34 years, he was a Past District Governor of District A16, a volunteer driver for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Services and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Brian will be remembered for his love for his family, Lions and willingness to help anyone in need.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Minden Community Centre (upstairs), 55 Parkside St., Minden on Saturday, July 29th, 2023 from 1:30 pm until the time of the Lion's Club Service at 2:30 pm followed by a Service to Celebrate Brian's Life. Please wear bright colours to honour Brian. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Memorial Donations to the Minden and District Lion's Club Administration Account (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of
Ronald Foran

Ron Foran 88, of Minden Ontario, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2023, surrounded by family at Southlake Hospital in Newmarket, Ontario.

He was born on April 8, 1935 in King Kirkland, Ontario. Ron married the love of his life, Bruna Minardi, in May of 1962 who predeceased him on April 7, 2000. Ron is survived by his two sons, Jeff Foran (Paul) and Greg Foran (Nadja) as well as his grandchildren Aidan, Christian and Brooklyn and long-term companion, Shirley Davis. Ron was predeceased by his parents James and Viola as well as his siblings Lorne, Neville, Sheldon and Edlene.

He joined the Ontario Provincial Police on March 1, 1960 retiring from the service as a Sergeant on March 31, 1990. Ron served the OPP in Midland, Hearst and Minden Detachments. Ron will be remembered for his love of family, fishing, camping, curling and his storytelling.

The Foran family would like to thank the healthcare professional teams at Lakeridge Health, Southlake Hospital, the North York Reactivation Care Centre and the Elden of Bradford for all their medical care, compassion and support. A special appreciation to Betty Hopkins and Fraenzi Morissette with HCCSS-East for their personalized homecare and kindness shown to Ron and family at all times.

There will be a remembrance visitation with the Foran family on Saturday July 29 at 10:30 am- 12:30 pm at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

In lieu of flowers, we would ask for donations to be made to The Canadian Cancer Society.



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In accordance with his wishes, David has been cremated. A private family service will be planned in the future.

As an expression of sympathy donations can be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Montreal, Canada. On-line donations can be made directly through their website as follows: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/locations/canada> and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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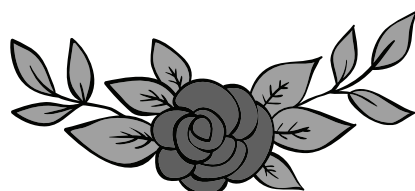


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Give the gift of life this Tuesday

The need for blood does not go away in the summer months. As a matter of fact, it increases as more people become involved in recreational activities. That is one reason a summer blood donor clinic is planned for tomorrow, July 20, in Haliburton.

According to the Canadian Blood Service, the supply of "O" positive blood has now hit a critically low level.

It would not take much to completely exhaust the supply of "O" positive blood. For example, last week a 32 year-old woman required 27 units of "O" positive blood, 15 units of platelets and 10 units of blood plasma overnight because of complications which developed after delivering her baby. A transplant op-

eration used up to 26 units of blood, 20 units of platelets and 10 units of blood plasma.

"We are facing an emergency situation, trying to support the needs of 59 hospitals in Central Ontario," said Michele Leroux, the director of donor services for the Toronto Blood Centre. "Some surgeries are being delayed or prioritized and we will have difficulty supporting cases requiring "O" positive blood."

Potential donors are reminded that healthy people, between the ages of 17 and 71 can give blood every 56 days, although first time donors must be under the age of 61.

There will be a blood donor clinic in Haliburton on July 20 at the Haliburton Legion on Mountain Street from noon to 7 p.m. Be there and give the gift of life.

Annual meeting vote

LKO members reject link with Trent Canal

Property owners who are members of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization are definitely not interested in having the access to the Trent Severn Waterway extended to include their lake. That message was sent emphatically Saturday evening, (July 11), at PineStone Resort, when more than 150 in attendance at the group's annual meeting voted unanimously to oppose any such action.

The members had been informed of the proposal through their newsletter and were obviously not pleased with the prospect.

The Minden Business Improvement Area (BIA) has undertaken a feasibility study into connecting Minden to the Trent/Severn system. The discussion has involved the transport of smaller boats around the obstructions at Norland and the creation of a simple transfer system at Moore Falls, which would give access to Gull Lake and,

via the river, to Minden.

The proposal has extended the reach to the Kashagawigamog chain by transporting boats on trailers from Minden to a launch point on Canning Lake. This would allow boaters access to Lake Kashagawigamog, Soyers and Haliburton Village at Head Lake.

The matter was raised in the new business portion of the meeting when one member asked whether the proposal was to be taken seriously or whether it was just "pie in the sky."

President John Hincks told the meeting that the executive had already expressed its opposition to the proposal. He said they had become aware of it when the consultant looking into the project asked for comments. "We told them we didn't want it here," Hincks said.

Earlier in the meeting the group had heard from a biologist regarding

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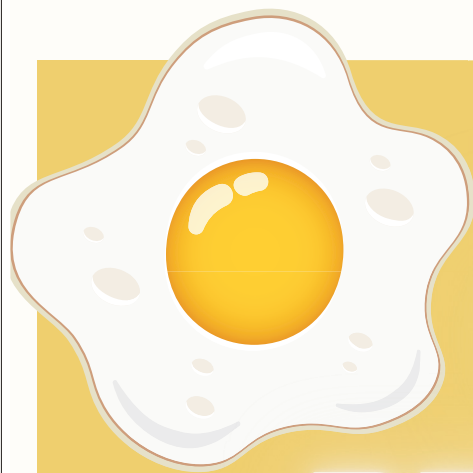
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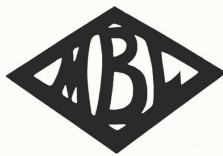
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